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Westminster, April 25.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, SirCharles Dalton, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to,

An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Million out of the Sinking Fund, and for applying other Sums therein mentioned for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and forty one; and for allowing a Drawback of the Duties upon Coals used in Fire Engines for draining Tin and Copper Mines in the County of Cornwall; and for appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament; and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer Bills, Lottery Tickets, and Orders, lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed; and for giving further Time for the Payment of Duties omitted to be paid for the Indentures and Contracts of Clerks and Apprentices.

An Act for the Encouragement and Increase of Seamen, and for the better and speedier manning of his Majesty's Fleet.

An Act for opening a Trade to and from Persia through Russia.

An Act for Preservation of the publick Roads within that Part of Great Britain called England.

An Act for surveying the chief Ports and Headlands on the Coasts of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Islands and Plantations thereto belonging, in order to the more exact Determination of the Longitude and Latitude thereof.

An Act for restraining and preventing several unwarrantable Schemes and Undertakings in his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America.

An Act to enable the Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River Thames, from the City of Westminster to the opposite Shore in the County of Surrey, to raise a further Sum of Money towards finishing the said Bridge, and to perform the other Trusts reposed in them, and for exchanging of Tickets unclaimed in the Westminster Bridge Lottery of the Twelfth Year of his present Majesty's Reign; and for making Provision for Tickets in the said Lottery lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed.

An Act to enable Thomas Smith, Esq; Lord of the Manor of Farlington in the County of Southampton, to supply the Town of Portsmouth and Parts adjacent with good and wholsome Water, at his own proper Cost and Charges.

And to two private Bills.

After which his Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Zeal and Dispatch with which you have gone through the Publick Business, during the Course of this Session, are undeniable Proofs of your steady Regard to the Welfare of your Country, and consequently the most acceptable Testimonies of your Duty and Affection to me. The powerful Assistance which you have given me for carrying on the just and necessary War in which I am engaged, is the best Means of reducing our Enemies to Reason; and the Vigour and Earnestness which you have so seasonably shewn for the Defence of the House of Austria, and the Maintenance of the Balance and Liberties of Europe, must give the greatest Encouragement to our Friends.

These are the Methods to secure to this Nation that Weight and Influence Abroad, which its natural Strength and Situation entitle it to.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

It is with particular Satisfaction I acknowledge your Readiness and Application in raising the Supplies for the Service of the current Year; which you have done with so just a Regard to the present Exigencies of the Publick, as shew you to be the true Representatives of my faithful Commons.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I cannot part with this Parliament, without publickly returning you my Thanks for the many eminent Instances you have given

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given me of your Fidelity and Affection to my Perſon and Government, your fixed Reſolution to maintain the Proteſtant Succeſſion in my Family, and your unſhaken Adherence to the true Intereſt of your Country. You have, with the moſt becoming Spirit and Firmneſs, exerted yourſelves in vindicating and defending the Honour of my Crown, and the undoubted Rights of Navigation and Commerce belonging to my Subjects, and enabled me to revenge thoſe Wrongs and Inſults, which, contrary to the Faith of Treaties, had been committed againſt both. In ſo critical a Conjuncture, you have ſupported the national Credit, and ſtrengthened the Hands of my Government to a Degree exceeding the Expectations of thoſe who wiſhed well to us, and to the manifeſt Diſappointment of ſuch as envied our Proſperity. At the ſame Time, you have demonſtrated to all the World, that Great Britain is in a Condition, not only to defend Herſelf, but alſo to afford a due Support to her Allies, and the common Cauſe of Europe. As ſuch a Conduct muſt give a laſting Reputation to this Parliament, ſo it will be the Subject of Emulation to thoſe which ſhall come after it. I will immediately give the neceſſary Orders for calling a new Parliament. There is not any Thing I ſet ſo high a Value upon, as the Love and Affection of my People; in which I have ſo entire a Confidence, that it is with great Satisfaction, I ſee this Opportunity put into their Hands of giving me freſh Proofs of it in the Choice of their Repreſentatives.

On the preſent Eſtabliſhment depends the Continuance of our excellent Conſtitution in Church and State; and in this Conſtitution conſiſts the Security of the preſent Eſtabliſhment: Nothing can hurt the one, that will not, in Proportion, undermine and weaken the other. For my Part, the uniform Preſervation of both, and the Maintenance of the Religious and Civil Rights of all my Subjects have been and ever ſhall be my conſtant Care. Thoſe who diſtinguiſh themſelves by perſevering in theſe Principles, ſhall always find my Countenance and Favour; and by invariably purſuing theſe wiſe and honeſt Meaſures, we may entertain the beſt grounded Hopes that, under the Protection of the Divine Providence, the Happineſs of Great Britain will be perpetuated to Poſterity.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by his Majeſty's Command, ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is his Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Tueſday the Twelfth Day of May next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tueſday the Twelfth Day of May next.

Wine Licence Office, April 24, 1741.

All Perſons owing or engaged for Arrears of Rent for Wine Licences, or whoſe Licences are expired, are hereby required to take Notice, that if they do not pay their ſaid Arrears, and renew their ſaid Licences with all Speed, they will be forthwith proſecuted for the ſame. And whereas his Majeſty's Commiſſioners for granting Wine Licences have received certain Information of divers Perſons preſuming to retail Wine without Licence, and to whom Letters have been ſent advertiſing them of the Penalties incurred thereby; theſe are alſo to give Notice, that unleſs ſuch Perſons do ſpeedily apply themſelves to the ſaid Commiſſioners, the Laws in ſuch Caſes made and provided will be forthwith put in Execution.

The Committee for Letting the City's Lands in the Account of the Chamberlain of the City of London, give Notice, that they intend to ſit in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, London, on Wedneſday the 13th Day of May next, at Four in the Afternoon, to receive Propoſals from ſuch Perſons as are willing to contract with the ſaid Committee for ſerving the ſeveral Offices at Guildhall with Stationary Wares until Michaelmas next; of which more particular Information may be had at the Comptroller's Office in the Guild hall aforeſaid. Where Specimens of the ſeveral Sorts in the mean Time are to be left.

Hand-in-Hand Fire-Office.

The Directors give Notice, That a General Meeting of the Members of the ſaid Society will be held at their Office in Angel Court on Snow Hill, on Thurſday the 14th of May next, by Three in the Afternoon; where all who have inſured are deſired to be preſent.

A General Meeting of the Company of Proprietors of the Undertaking for recovering and preſerving the Navigation of the River Dee, will be held at Pontack's in Abchurch lane, on Wedneſday the 13th of May next; of which all Perſons concerned are hereby deſired to take Notice.

Advertiſements.

PUrſuant to an Order made by the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, for enlarging the Time of Edward Stephens, of the City of Briſtol, Merchant, a Bankrupt, to make a Diſcloſure and Diſcovery of his Eſtate and Effects, and finiſh his Examination, for 49 Days, from the 21ſt of April inſtant: This is to give Notice, that the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, will meet on the 9th of June next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the ſame; and the ſaid Bankrupt is required to attend the ſaid Commiſſioners, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects, and finiſh his Examination.

THE Creditors of Aaron Richardſon, of St. Michael's-lane, Cannon-ſtreet, London, and Edward Stephens, of the City of Briſtol, Merchants and Copartners, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees on Wedneſday the 29th of April Inſtant, at the Amſterdam Coffee-houſe behind the Royal Exchange, at Four a-Clock in the Afternoon, to conſent to the Aſſignees commencing any Suit or Suits in Equity, and ſubmitting to Arbitration any Differences or Diſputes relating to the ſaid Bankrupts Eſtate or Effects, and to the compounding and agreeing with any Perſon or Perſons Debtors to the ſaid Bankrupts Eſtate, and on other ſpecial Affairs.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Edward Sheward, late of Clent in the County of Stafford, Clerk, deceaſed, are peremptorily to come in and prove their Debts before William Spicer, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, London, on or before the 30th Day of May next, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

TO

TO be ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before William Spicer, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, A Freehold Eſtate conſiſting of 53 Acres of Land, and alſo a Copyhold Meſſuage or Tenement, and about ſeven Acres of Land lying in the Pariſh of Claverdon in the County of Warwick, of the yearly Value of 40 l. late the Eſtate of Edward Sheward, Clerk, deceaſed. Particulars whereof may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, London.

TO be peremptorily ſold, together or in Parcels, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Edmund Sawyer, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, on Monday the 11th Day of May next, between the Hours of Five and Seven of the Clock in the Afternoon of the ſame Day, Divers Freehold Meſſuages and Lands late of Edward Halliday a Bankrupt, in or near Froom Selwood in the County of Somerſet; and all the Eſtate and Intereſt late of the ſaid Edward Halliday in Marſton Foreſt, otherwiſe the Foreſt of Marſton Bigod, in the County aforeſaid, containing about 400 Acres, being partly Freehold, and other Part is held by Leaſe for three Lives under the Earl of Orrery, by the yearly Rent of 5 l. and are together of conſiderable yearly Value: And alſo divers Leaſehold Lands in or near Froom aforeſaid, which the ſaid Edward Halliday held by Leaſe for three Lives, (now living) and are worth about 35 l. a Year; out of which is payable yearly, by vertue of the ſaid Leaſe, about 2 l. 17 s. 8 d. Particulars whereof may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers.

IN Purſuance of a Decree and a ſubſequent Order of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Thomas Fitchett, late of Aldermanbury, London, Cooper, deceaſed, are to come in and prove their Debts before William Spicer, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors and Legatees of David Greenhill, late of Well-Cloſe-ſquare, in the County of Middleſex, Eſq; deceaſed, are forthwith to come in and prove their reſpective Demands before Edmund Sawyer, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, otherwiſe they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

WHEREAS John Metherell the Younger, of Totnes in the County of Devon, Mill-wright, for upwards of ſeven Years laſt, went from his Father Mr. John Metherell the Elder, of Totnes aforeſaid, Mill-wright, and hath not been heard from for upwards of four Years laſt paſt: This is to aſſure the ſaid John Metherell the Younger, That if he will ſoon return to his ſaid Father (who is now a Widower) he will be very kindly received by him, and be informed of ſome Things which may tend very much to his Advantage.

THE Creditors of John Ewer, late of Pall-mall, Goldſmith and Banker, a Bankrupt, are deſired to meet the Aſſignee of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, at the Ship Tavern without Temple Bar, on Wedneſday next, at Six of the Clock in the Evening, to conſent to the ſaid Aſſignee making a Compoſition for a Debt due to the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, and upon other ſpecial Affairs.

WHereas the Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt William Cowne, late of the City of Exeter, in the County of Devon, Fuller, did in the Gazette of the 14th Day of May laſt, adverti ſe a Meeting to be on the 8th Day of April then next, at Guildhall, London, to make a Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Effects, and for the Creditors to come prepared to prove their Debts, or they would be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend; which Dividend is not yet made: This is therefore to give Notice, that the ſaid Commiſſioners intend to meet at Guildhall, London aforeſaid, on Monday the 18th Day of May next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in order to make a Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend.

BY Order of the Aſſignee, all Perſons indebted to the Eſtates of Francis William Maſſey, late of Warwick-Lane, London, Apothecary, a Bankrupt, and William Winch, late of Bell Yard, Grace-church-ſtreet, London, Merchant, deceaſed, to whom the ſaid Francis William Maſſey was Executor, are hereby required forthwith to pay their reſpective Debts into the Hands of Mr. Gilbert Jodrell, in Chancery-Lane, otherwiſe they will be ſued for the ſame without farther Notice.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt John Bennett of St. Olave Southwark, in the County of Surry, Woolſtapler, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 2d and 12th of May next, and on the 6th of June following, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the ſecond Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Worthington, Attorney, in Love-lane, Aldermanbury, London.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt John Billingſley, late of Hampſtead, in the County of Middleſex, Dealer in Hops, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them, on the 30th of April Inſtant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, on the 5th of May, and 6th of June next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the ſecond Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint.

THE Commiſſioners in the Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued forth againſt William Bradley, late of Godney, in the County of Lincoln, Chapman and Dealer in Wooll, intend to meet on the 25th of May next, at Three in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of Stephen Bell, known by the Name of the Old White Hart in Spalding, in the County of Lincoln, in order to make a further Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend.

WHereas the acting Commiſſioners in the Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt John Strudwick, of the City of Chicheſter, in the County of Suſſex, Maltſter, have certified to the Right Honourable Philip Lord Hardwicke, Baron of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the ſaid John Strudwick hath in all Things conformed himſelf according to the Directions of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts: This is to give Notice, that by Virtue of an Act paſſed in the fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the ſaid Act directs, unleſs Cauſe be ſhewn to the contrary on or before the 15th of May next.

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